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# THE EVENING NEWS

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ADA IS AT PRESENT INVESTING several hundred thousand dollars in water works extension, sewerage construction, city hall erection, gas development, state normal college and what not.

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## ADA CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY

BIG BARBECUE AND PICNIC BRINGS PEOPLE FROM EVERY QUARTER.

### AMUSEMENT FOR EVERYBODY

Tournament Race and Public Speaking the Leading Features.

The anniversary of our independence was celebrated in Ada yesterday in the usual good old fashioned way. Though the thermometer registered close to 100 in the shade the people poured into town from every quarter of the county until past the noon hour. The festivities were held in the high grove about a mile southeast of town where the breezes blow incessantly and where they are pure and balmy.

Fifteen beeves had been barbecued in elegant style but when the hungry throng fell upon the feast with dish pans and wash tubs the fifteen carcasses disappeared in as many minutes, and, as is always the case, those with the modest temperament and the short reach were found empty handed when the hour for refreshments was announced.

The Ada band furnished the music for the occasion and did themselves proudly considering the practice they have had. All the regulation attractions such as doll racks, shooting galleries, steam swings, lunch and cold drink stands and dancing platforms were in evidence. Fire works were not so noticeable as on former occasions and not a single accident occurred to mar the pleasure of the day. Only two or three arrests have been reported and they were for only such small offences as fighting and carrying concealed weapons, no one

being injured to speak of. It was regrettable that the steam swing was located so near the speaker's stand, but Fourth of July orators are always equipped with good lungs and can usually make themselves heard above the din and noise of the merry makers.

#### The Tournament Race.

The most exciting attraction in the program of yesterday was the tournament race in which fifteen entries were made and to whom about \$150 in prizes were awarded. The participants in this race were all mounted on good horses. Four posts with cross beams, gibbet fashion, were erected about thirty yards apart and from each beam was suspended a ring. A dead line was drawn at each end of the track and a limit of five seconds was allowed for the rider to make the run. Each rider was allowed three runs, or a chance for twelve rings, and the one securing the greatest number of rings with a sharp stick at full speed horseback was the winner.

The first prize was a \$35.00 gold watch and was won by Walter Barringer with eight rings. The second of \$10.00 in gold was tied in the first place by Jim Ellis and C. J. Warren. When the tie was run off Ellis won with seven rings, being exactly the number of each in the tie. The third prize was a \$6.00 Stetson hat. For this prize four men tied with six rings each, but on the finish the prize went to E. C. Hunter who won with eight rings.

Following is the list of those entered in the contest and their original scores.

Walter Barringer	8
C. J. Warren	7
Jim Ellis	7
E. C. Hunter	6
Bill Nutt	6
Roy Hays	6
Carlos Hughey	6
George Culver	5
Clifford Hardin	5

John Rindard	5
Wicker Adair	5
Lee Eddleman	3
Harmon Ebey	3
Ed Harray	3
P. R. Young	1

There were minor prizes enough to award one to each contestant, and after the first three prizes were awarded lots were cast for the remainder and each contestant secured a neat prize.

#### Konawa Friends.

Konawa had a representative crowd at the celebration Monday, coming down on the forenoon train and returning at 4:10. That the celebration was immensely enjoyed by the way they consumed the barbecued meat, and, further, the celebrators confided to a News representative that they never enjoyed themselves more at a picnic, they being thoroughly convinced that Ada can put up a better picnic, and handle the visitors better than any city in this part of the state.

The Konawa party included the following: W. H. Nation, editor the Chief-Leader; C. H. Rose, of Gordon & Rose; T. P. Swan, cashier First National Bank; Homer Zingery, Hugh Rammage, Edgar Hyde, Boyd Taylor, Orlan Dallas, Jess Walker, John Foley, Misses Carner Dallas, Jennie Yates and Willie Woodward. Miss Susie Chisler of this city accompanied the party here, after a visit with Konawa friends.

#### Howard Parker at Home.

Hon. Howard Parker, state reporter of Oklahoma came home for the celebration. They anted Howard to make a speech, but the steam swing and his modesty precluded. He went back to Guthrie this afternoon.

Mrs. J. C. MacVetter and children returned yesterday from an extended visit with relatives in Northwest Texas.

## JUDGE FURMAN SPEAKS TO HOME FOLKS

PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE STATE CRIMINAL COURT OF AP. PEALS ORATOR AT PONTOTOC'S CELEBRATION.

Chief among the features of Pontotoc county's big celebration at Ada, Monday, was the address of Judge Henry M. Furman. The judge was invited urgently to deliver addresses in several other important communities of the state celebrating the glorious day, but he respectfully turned them all down, preferring to accept the invitation from his home people of Pontotoc to speak to them. His arduous duties at Guthrie as presiding judge of the criminal court of appeals could not spare him longer than one day, which he spent talking to and fraternizing with homefolks.

The conditions at the picnic grounds were not such as to encourage a speaker. There was not only dust and intense heat, but a most vociferous merry-go-round had been allowed to set up entirely too close to the speaker's stand. In no wise daunted, however, Judge Furman, after an appropriate introduction by Senator Roddie, proceeded to speak to the assembled hundreds. It is needless to inform the readers of the News that the speech was a splendid one and highly enjoyed by the audience, for the bulk of our readers have heard the Judge and know he is unsurpassed as a public speaker. The speech was replete with eloquent reference to the history of our nation, with its glorious past and promising future; also to the shorter but eventful history of our state, to the deeds accomplished by the patriotic citizens of our land and the tasks and problems yet awaiting them. Sound facts and philosophy were so admirably interspersed with apt illustra-

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OUR \$12.50 Suits Now On Sale For	\$9.38
OUR \$10.00 Suits Now On Sale For	\$7.50

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tions and anecdotes that the listener forgot entirely that the day was so hot and dusty.

Ada and Pontotoc county were glad to have this distinguished citizen back home for the occasion. The community is proud of the record he is making in Guthrie at the head of the criminal court of appeals—a record which will no doubt make the people of this state insist that he be retained at that high post at the next election.

#### CROWDS AT ARDMORE.

Ten Thousand Is the Estimated Attendance—Speakers of Day.

Ardmore, Ok., July 5.—A two days' celebration of the Fourth of July was begun here this morning, fully ten thousand people being on the grounds. J. B. Champion of this city and Judge Leslie Ross were the speakers today. Gov. Haskell and C. G. Jones of Oklahoma City will speak tomorrow. Music is being furnished by the Ardmore and Durant bands. Company H of the National Guards is here from Durant and vast crowds witnessed the sham battle between this company and company G.

Following the ball game between Oklahoma City and Ardmore, the Indians played ball and tonight a big Indian dance is in progress. Barbecue will be distributed among the visitors at noon tomorrow.

So orderly have been the crowds that not an arrest is reported at police headquarters.



## LOOKS GOOD

Don't it? And it is just as good as it looks. All our Syrups are made from Pure Fruit Juices, without any preservatives in them—and are kept in our refrigerator, ice cold until served. . .

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**Ramsey's Drug Store**  
PHONE NO. 6

# Bankrupt Stock Bought

## Walsh Stock of Bankrupt Goods Bought by The Texas Dept. Store

Bray Bros, of Sherman, Texas, bought this stock a few days ago at 45c on the dollar. They found out very soon that their prices and quality would not compare with the big Texas Dept. Store of Ada, Okla. They came and made an open confession that they could not compete with us and sold us the stock at 1-2 what they paid for it. This makes this stock cost us 22 1-2c on the dollar. We are going to give the people of Ada and Pontotoc County the benefit of our low price buying. All damaged goods selected out of this stock by the buyers of each department in the Texas Dept. Store will be thrown from the top of our awning and given away next Saturday to our customers and citizens of Ada. Our motto is, "Nothing but Good Merchandise Sold in Our Store at Low Prices." Very Truly,

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gress of March 3, 1879."



## NEBRASKA GOVERNOR SCORES FEDERAL JUDGES

WILL CALL SPECIAL SESSION OF  
LEGISLATURE IF NECESSARY.

Will Not Stand to Have the Will of  
the Whole State Set Aside by  
One Man.

Omaha, Neb., July 4.—Relative to  
the action of the federal court in  
granting a temporary restraining order  
against the operation of the bank  
guaranty law passed by the last Ne-  
braska legislature, Gov. Shallenber-  
ger, in a letter to the press, says:

"I have all possible respect for  
our courts, but I believe the law  
passed at the last session of the  
legislature expresses the will of the  
people of Nebraska. The Legislature  
was solidly for the law, and that  
body is the only voice the people  
have, and its mandate should be su-  
preme. If a federal judge can set  
aside the expressed will of the peo-  
ple of a sovereign state, when legis-  
lating upon a matter regulating pure-  
ly state corporations, a single judge  
has a power more potent than the  
voices of a million and a half of  
people, expressed through its con-  
stitutional authority.

"This should make plain to the  
people of our state the necessity of  
nonpartisan judges on the bench.  
While the courts may nullify the acts  
of the legislature and stay the arm  
of the government, there is one  
constitutional power that yet be-  
longs to the executive, and that is  
the authority to call the legislature  
in special session to correct any  
constitutional defect the court may  
point out.

I believe the court will sustain the

present law upon the full hearing,  
but I want the people to know that  
I shall exercise every constitutional  
right given me under the constitution  
before their expressed will shall be  
defeated. The greatest question be-  
fore us today is the preservation of  
the fullest measure of political power  
in possession of the people."

### NATIVITY OF OUR OFFICERS.

Prof. Pierce Shows What States Have  
Furnished Our Political Brains.

Prof. T. F. Pierce, County Superin-  
tendent of Public Instruction of this  
county, has made a compilation of  
statistics showing where the mem-  
bers of the first legislature of the  
State of Oklahoma came from. From  
these statistics it appears that the  
following states and foreign coun-  
tries furnished native sons to help  
make Oklahoma's first laws, in the  
order and rank as follows: Missouri,  
20; Texas, 15; Illinois, 12; Iowa, 11;  
Oklahoma, 10; Kentucky, 9; Georgia,  
9; Arkansas, 9; Tennessee, 9; In-  
diana, 8; Alabama, 7; Mississippi, 6;  
Ohio, 6; New York, 3; North Carolina  
3; Wisconsin, 2; West Virginia, 2;  
Kansas, 2; Nebraska, 2; Virginia, 2;  
Louisiana, 1; Florida, 1; Pennsylvan-  
ia, 1; South Carolina, 1; England, 1;  
Germany, 1; and Canada, 1. State of-  
ficers come from the following states:  
Missouri, 2; Texas, 2; Tennessee, 1;  
Ohio, 1; North Carolina, 2; and Mass-  
achusetts, 1.

These are interesting statistics, and  
readily show what a cosmopolitan  
population inhabits the new state.

### Come and Went.

The News appreciated the public's  
allowance of its holiday Monday and  
it may be known that the News force  
had a day of rest and recreation com-  
ing. That part of the News force that  
were hosts at home or guests away  
were Mr. and Mrs. John Thrasher  
who visited Mr. Thrasher's parents at  
Sherman; Mr. T. W. Brydia, who vis-  
ited his father at Okmulgee; Mr.  
Elmer Woodard, whose wife was  
up from Ardmore, where she had  
been waiting until definite home could  
be established and Mr. D. D. Claw-  
son whose wife came from Holden-  
ville at which place Mr. Clawson un-  
til lately was a pioneer resident.

### A Horse, A Horse

Wanted to buy, a safe, healthy  
farm horse. Bring your horse to the  
News office.

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Many times a very big difficul-  
ty is adjusted by a very small  
want ad. Particularly is this so  
if the want ad happens to be a  
News ad.  
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### ORDINANCE NO. 181.

An Ordinance Authorizing L. J. Little,  
Mayor, Orville Snead, City Treasur-  
er, and W. B. Jones, City Clerk to  
sign and execute a waiver of the  
right of appeal from Judgment of  
the District Court in and for Pon-  
totoc County, in the Cause of "State  
of Oklahoma ex rel. Howard West, a  
property taxpaying voter of the City  
of Ada, Oklahoma, et al. vs. L. J.  
Little, Mayor, W. B. Jones, City  
Clerk, and Orville Snead, City  
Treasurer, etc., now pending in the  
said Court.

(WHEREAS, an action has been filed  
in the District Court in and for Pon-  
totoc County, Oklahoma, entitled  
"State of Oklahoma ex rel. Howard  
West, a qualified property-taxpaying  
voter of the City of Ada, Oklahoma,  
and E. D. Lumsden, vs. L. J. Little,  
as Mayor, W. B. Jones, as City Clerk,  
and Orville Snead, as City Treasur-  
er of the City of Ada, Oklahoma,"  
praying for a writ of mandamus to  
compel the delivery of \$10,000.00 of  
Street Improvement Bonds of the  
City of Ada, Oklahoma, to the said  
E. D. Lumsden, of Oklahoma City, Okla.,  
the purchaser of the same; and

WHEREAS, an alternative writ of  
mandamus was on the 29th day of  
June, A. D., 1909, made by the said  
court ordering the said L. J. Little,  
Mayor, W. B. Jones, City Clerk, and  
Orville Snead, City Treasurer, of the  
City of Ada aforesaid, to execute and  
deliver the said Street Improvement  
Bonds to the said E. D. Lumsden, im-  
mediately upon the receipt of the  
said writ, or in the alternative to  
appear before the said court on the  
29th day of June, A. D., 1909, and  
show cause why they should not and  
did not obey the said writ; and

WHEREAS, the said L. J. Little,  
Mayor, W. B. Jones, City Clerk, and  
Orville Snead, City Treasurer, as  
aforesaid did immediately, upon re-  
ceipt of the said writ, make answer  
as to why said writ had not by them  
been obeyed, and the said court af-  
ter hearing the proofs, exhibits, argu-  
ments, etc., of counsels, and after be-  
ing fully and sufficiently advised in  
the premises was of the opinion that  
it was the public duty of said de-  
fendant officials as aforesaid, to exe-  
cute and deliver the said bonds as  
aforesaid, and as prayed for in the  
said petition for mandamus, and a  
peremptory writ of mandamus was  
accordingly thereupon made and en-  
tered.

Now Therefore, Be It Ordained by  
the Mayor and the Councilmen of  
the City of Ada, Oklahoma:

Section 1. That the said L. J. Lit-  
tle, Mayor, W. B. Jones, City Clerk,  
and Orville Snead, City Treasurer of  
the City of Ada, Oklahoma, be and  
the same are hereby authorized, di-  
rected, and requested to make, exe-  
cute and file in said court a waiver  
of any and all right of appeal from  
the judgment of the said court in the  
said proceedings mentioned above  
herein; and that the said mayor, city  
clerk, and city treasurer are further  
authorized and directed to make and  
execute to and with the said plain-  
tiffs in the cause hereinbefore men-  
tioned and set out, to abide by the  
orders and judgments of the said  
court in the said matter, that a  
speedy settlement and adjustment  
thereof may be had.

Sec. 2. That the said city and the  
inhabitants and citizens thereof, are  
without the necessary street cross-  
ings connecting the newly-constructed  
sidewalks over the said city, and  
that by reason of the absence of the  
said crossings, are suffering much in-  
convenience, and property in the city  
is deteriorating in value thereby; by  
reason whereof, it is necessary for  
the immediate preservation of the  
public health, peace and safety that  
an immediate settlement be made of  
the above entitled cause and that the  
said street crossings be constructed  
without delay, and to that end that  
this ordinance take effect and be-  
come operative immediately; there-  
fore, an emergency is hereby declar-  
ed to exist, and that this ordinance  
shall go into force and effect from  
and after its passage, approval, and  
publication.

Passed and approved this the 5th  
day of July, A. D., 1909.

(SEAL) L. J. LITTLE, Mayor.

Attest:

W. B. JONES, City Clerk.  
(Published July 6, 1909.)

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W. H. Braley, Secretary

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8 lbs. Good Coffee for .....\$1.00  
25c size Colgate Talcum Powder 15c  
15c good Matting worth 15c for .....10c  
15c can good Tomatoes for .....7½c  
15c can good Corn for .....7½c  
10c size Egg-o-see breakfast food 5c  
30c size 5-lb. pkg. Oatmeal .....20c  
Good Corn Chops, per sack .....\$1.39  
Good Bran, per sack .....\$1.39  
10c size fancy Crackers and  
Cookies .....9c

\$2.50 good cotton top Mattress \$1.98  
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65c Cane Bottom Chairs .....48c  
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25c size Honest Snuff for .....20c  
25c size Garrett Snuff for .....20c  
\$1.25 Men's Bib Overalls for .....95c  
\$1.00 Men's Blue Bib Overalls .....43c  
75c Men's fancy Shirt for .....39c  
\$2.50 Ladies Shoe for .....\$1.93  
\$2.00 Ladies Shoes and Slippers \$1.48  
75c Baby Shoes for .....43c

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of Ada every Wed-

nesday and Satur-

day night at home.

Hold your work and

we will save you

money :-: :-: :-:



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## PERSONAL COLUMN

George Cotteral went to Tupelo Tuesday.

"Katy Flyer" the new drink at Ramsey's.

W. A. Moore was here from Ahlosa Tuesday.

Charley Curry of Konawa, was in the city Tuesday.

L. Whitmore made a business trip to Francis today.

J. M. Taylor made a business trip to Holdenville today.

J. W. Price of Konawa is in Ada today transacting business.

I. Wymore and family are visiting in Tupelo for a few days.

Patronize home industry and eat Purity Ice Cream at Ramsey's. dtf

L. S. Freeman of Haileyville, was in the city Tuesday on business.

W. H. DeWitt returned to his home in Lehigh Tuesday after a visit in Ada.

F. S. Williams, editor of the Maud Messenger, was a visitor here Monday.

Dr. Ligon and boys, Masters Miller and Bruce went to Shawnee this afternoon.

Miss Mildred Timberlake is visiting Miss Beulah Stovall at Greenville, Tex.

U. G. Winn went to Stonewall Tuesday to spend a few days on his ranch near that place.

M. D. Timberlake returned from Greenville, Tex., this morning, where he celebrated the 4th.

Mrs. Joe Napier, nee Miss Nena, Thompson, is visiting her parents, Judge H. C. Thompson and wife.

A. M. and Mrs. Van Orden came down from Shawnee Tuesday and will remain in the city for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blanks are moving today to the Strausburg house just west of R. E. Blanks in Capitol Hill.

We have seen it made. We know its good. We serve no other. "Purity Ice Cream" at Ramsey's fountain. dtf

R. W. Trowbridge, representing the Texas Butcher's Supply Company of Dallas, Tex., was in the city Tuesday.

Judge H. C. Thompson returned to his duties at Wewoka this morning, after spending a few days with his family.

Lawrence Barreberousse, Welter Wells and Jordan Hulsey of Stonewall were picnic visitors in Ada Monday.

Miss Gertrude Case, just returned from Germany, has arrived in Ada, where she will teach music in the normal.

Miss Mabel Warrent, who has had a music class the last session at Okemah, is spending her vacation with her sister, Mrs. Duke Stone.

J. G. Collier and family are moving to Ada from Chickasha. Mr. Collier has bought the Broughton place in North Ada and is improving the property.

Guaranteed under the pure food and drug act and contains 12 percent butter fat. That sounds good but tastes better. Purity Ice Cream served at Ramsey's. dtf

### Not Guilty.

Ellen Jackson, colored, was tried before Police Judge Powers today on a charge of prostitution. She was acquitted for the reason that evidence necessary to a conviction was not produced by the city officers.

### Guilty of Incest.

Marshall Head, aged 19 years, who resides about seven miles northeast of Ada, was tried before Justice Brown today on a charge of incest. He was found guilty and bound over to the District Court in the sum of \$750 which bond was readily made.

### Konawa Editor.

Hamilton Nation the gentlemanly editor of the Chief-Leader at Konawa was the guest of Otis Weaver, the proprietor of such publication over the Ada, Pontotoc celebration. Mr. Nation returned to Konawa this afternoon.

## RETAIL MERCHANTS LAUD SENATOR GORE

### RESOLUTIONS OF PRAISE BY ST. JOSEPH MERCHANTS.

#### The One Man Who Stood for the Retailers on the Floor of the Senate.

Washington, D. C., July 5.—That Senator Gore of Oklahoma made a hit with the retail grocers of the country is apparent from the resolutions just adopted by the retail grocers, butchers and bakers of St. Joseph, Mo., following a similar resolution passed by the national convention at Portland, Oregon. The resolution expresses the appreciation of the St. Joe merchants of the gallant defense of the trade by Senator Gore. The Eli Grocer and General Merchant, a magazine published in St. Louis, has the following to say regarding Senator Gore:

"The retailers of the United States ought to have a real warm spot in their hearts for Senator Gore of Oklahoma. And that some of them have is shown by the resolution passed at the national convention and others passed at St. Joseph, Mo. "He was the one man who took the floor in defense of the retail merchant when charges of overcharging were made in the senate by Senator Hale of Maine and others. A long discussion ensued in which Senator Gore stood stoutly by the merchant and sent back as good as came. He yielded to all questions, did this blind statesman from the Southwest, and answered all with facts and figures combined with oratory and sharp wit. The youngest man in the senate and blind. He is certainly deserving of the sincerest resolution from every body of retail merchants."

#### Haskell at Dustin.

Dustin, Ok., July 5.—Governor C. N. Haskell addressed 2,000 people in this city today and was heartily received. This town bears the distinction of having the only wagon factory in the state, and the governor's party was met at the station in a new wagon, just turned out of the factory, and in which they were driven to the picnic grounds. The governor talked first upon the early settlement of the United States and the struggle for liberty, closing by discussing the Oklahoma government as being the same for the rich and the poor.

Col. Sidney Suggs of Ardmore and Representative Ben Harrison of Calvin also delivered addresses.

The reception given the Governor's party by the town was cordial.

#### Hon. W. L. Chapman Here

Hon. W. L. Chapman and family were appreciated visitors with the Ada public on the occasion of yesterday's celebration. It was an evident pleasure to all those that opportunity afforded to meet this estimable family. Mr. Chapman did Ada a good turn once, as can be proven by one Milton Bryan, and this city has a warm heart and a long memory.

Mr. Chapman is secretary to the state corporation commission.

#### The Committee Reports.

Guthrie, Okla., July 3.—The special committee appointed to probe into the account of the state dispensary agency made its report today. It finds that there was no misappropriation or misuses of funds and that the conduct of the agency outside of the lax methods of bookkeeping in vogue in the office of Superintendent Lozier, was above reproach.

The report of Auditor Taylor was criticized by the committee.

#### Card of Thanks.

Realizing the fact that our weak way of explanation being insufficient kindness and neighborly deeds shown and performed by our neighbors and friends during the illness of our darling little Lois that passed to a better world July the 4th, will say every deed was appreciated in the same sweet free way they were performed. MR. AND MRS. T. E. GRAHAM.

#### Fined for Fighting.

Fritz Johnson, Jack Carter and Joe Hardin plead guilty before Justice Brown today to a charge of fighting and were fined \$500 each and the cost. The fight took place at the picnic yesterday near the steam swing.

#### Monuments and Tombs

of the very best material, workmanship and design can be procured by calling on Rev. D. J. Austin at the News office. Let us show our designs and make you prices guaranteeing satisfaction. D. J. Austin. tf

#### Judge Gone Home.

Presiding Judge H. M. Furman of the Oklahoma Criminal court of appeals, after spending Independence day at his home and among his friends, returned to his judicial duties at Guthrie.

## A SAFE AND SANE FOURTH OF JULY

### MARKED DECREASE SHOWN IN LIST OF KILLED AND INJURED.

#### Nature Combined This Year With the Forces of Law and Order to Save Life and Property.

Chicago, Ill., July 5.—Fourth of July Casualties last five years:

	Dead	Injured
1908	163	5,460
1907	164	4,249
1906	158	5,308
1905	186	4,994
1904	183	3,986
1903	182	3,982

Figures for three days (1909): Killed 46, injured (seriously) 984, fire loss \$872,450. Toy pistols lead in deadly weapons. Cannon crackers second, while exploding cannons caused an unusual number of deaths and injuries from this cause.

Chicago, Ill., July 5.—With three days' celebration of the Nation's birthday this year, the remarkable fact stands out boldly that the annual carnage has been decreased to a great degree. Advances from all points up to midnight show that in all the large cities new rules and their strict enforcement have checked the customary slaughter of children. In New York there were but four deaths for the three days. In Chicago, usually drenched with blood under the guise of patriotism, there was not a single death for the three days. In Washington there were no deaths, no injuries, and only the smallest firecrackers were permitted. In all the other large cities there were but few deaths and a limited number of injuries. The campaign begun by the newspapers, medical associations and peaceful public generally five years ago is beginning to bear fruit.

This year in the large cities the ax was laid to the root of the evil when only a limited number of reputable dealers were permitted licenses to sell firecrackers and they were strictly forbidden to sell to children or irresponsible persons gaudy crackers, toy pistols, dynamite canes and similar deadly weapons. The beneficial result shows in the great decrease in mortality.

Chicago proposes to go a step further next year, and compel all purchasers of fireworks to register, as they are now compelled to do when they buy firearms or deadly explosives. If this law becomes effective, the police will know in advance just what points to watch for trouble.

Nature combined this year with the forces of law and order to save life and property. Copious rains, fairly general over the country, probably saved the insurance companies thousands of dollars and also dampened the careless ardor of celebrants.

Incidentally, thousands of white dresses and dainty millinery were ruined, but this damage does not require hospital treatment.

The entire state of Oklahoma reports two deaths and nine serious injuries.

Small cities in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and far Western localities seemed most prolific in casualties this year. In every case this can be traced to lax police regulations. It is also certain that there are many cases of injuries at picnics in remote localities, news of which will not be available for some days. Presumably, a number of these accidents will eventually result in death. The list of tetanus victims is compiled in August. Victims of July 4 accidents who survive the month of August are likely to recover and are not classed in the lists as July 4 deaths. In any event, basing the estimate on advices at hand at midnight, the list this year will be far below former years.

#### In Honor of Mrs. Benton.

Mrs. John McKinley entertained a few friends, Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. H. Rives. The party was in compliment to Mrs. McKinley's sister, Mrs. H. H. Benton formerly known by her many Ada friends as Miss Ruth Alderson.

Mrs. Rives' pretty porch, protected by shades, accorded a delightful place for an afternoon party.

The guests played 42, and were served with refreshing orange ice and cake.

Those present were. Mesdames Benton, Hope, Torbett, J. Meaders, Elbey and Weaver.

#### A Business Statement.

No over drafts allowed at Farmers State Bank from now on. We want your business, but to avoid hard feelings please arrange for money before over drawing. ttd FARMERS STATE BANK.

When you want what you want, when you want it, try a want ad in the News.

## WANTS

Advertising under this head will be charged at following rates:

One insertion, per word.....1c Additional insertions, per word..1-2c

### FOUND.

FOUND—At South school building, an umbrella. Owner may have same by paying for this ad. Call at News office. 1t

### LOST.

LOST—Coat to light green suit, smoked pearl buttons, was placed in buggy at picnic grounds and carried away by mistake. Return to S. M. Shaw, Nickel Store. 85-3t

LOST—Fountain pen on street. Finder receive reward from Reuben M. Roddie. dtf

### FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Five room house in Sunrise. Jno. Beard. 82tf

### FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—The best vacant resident lot in the city of Ada. Call on Marvin Brown at News office.

FOR SALE—A good cow. Price reasonable. Corner 12th and Cherry. J. D. Brunner. 3t

FOR SALE OR RENT—My wood yard on North Broadway. Phone 359. W. T. Tarkenton. 816td

### COUNCIL MEET.

Meet Last Evening and Hold Busy Session.

The City Council met in regular session last evening, allowed several accounts as presented and disposed of quite a number of other matters.

Among other things sidewalks were ordered placed on 10th street from Broadway to the Katy depot and on Rennie avenue from Main to 10th street. The sidewalk contractors who construct sidewalks in Ada are under bond to keep them in repair for one year, and an order was made to all contractors to do whatever repair work now needed at once.

In the matter of sewer construction the payments to the contractors are made in monthly installments on the estimates of the contractor for each month last past. The estimate of expense for this work for the month of June was \$5,374.74 and was allowed by the council.

The resolution passed several days ago ordering a special election to vote on a gas franchise for the Ada Oil & Gas Co. was reconsidered. It has been decided that the franchise will be drafted and submitted to the people of the city for a direct vote. This will likely necessitate a change in the date of voting on the franchise as a new proclamation by the mayor will be necessary.

### Torbetts Go West.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Torbett left yesterday for Los Angeles where they will attend and participate in the National Elks reunion. Mr. Torbett is an Elk of important recognition and his brother Bills will be glad to meet him over at the coast celebration.

When the reunion of Elks is concluded the Torbetts will visit in San Francisco and from there will take in the National Exposition at Seattle, Washington. Major Sam appeared very jubilant over the prospects of a pleasant vacation spent in the great and attractive west and in feebly reference thereto stated as he was leaving: "Yes, Mrs. Torbett and I have been married 21 years, but we are going to count this our honeymoon. Crop prospects are good and I shall be back to witness the harvest."

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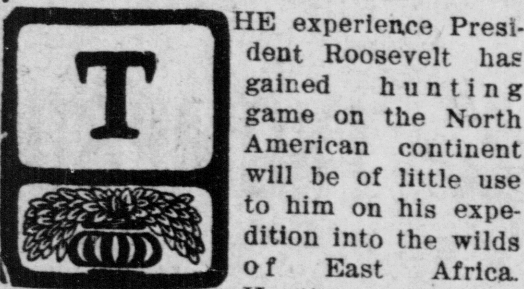


# HUNTING BIG GAME IN EAST AFRICA

## Elephant Ivory and How It Is Obtained

By Capt. Fritz Duquesne

Capt. Fritz Duquesne was born of Boer parents in South Africa, educated in Europe (where he won considerable distinction as a swordsman), and has been a professional hunter of big game most of his life. At the age of 17 he was a veteran of the Kaffir wars. He served in the Boer war and also in the Congo. In the recent events of South Africa's kaleidoscopic history Capt. Duquesne took a conspicuous part. He acted in many capacities during the hostilities between the Boer and the British, being in turn spy, military detective, engineer, censor, dispatch-carrier and propagandist. He was wounded twice in the fighting around Colenso. When the British succeeded in cutting cable communication between the Boer republic and the rest of the world, Duquesne carried the news of the Boer victories over the Mozambique border, and from there he wrote dispatches to the Petit Bleu, the official European organ of the Boer government. He was once captured by the Portuguese and thrown into prison at Lorenzo Marques. Later he was taken as a prisoner to Europe at the request of the British government. When the ship that conveyed him and his guard touched at Naples he was suffering from a fever and in consequence was placed in an Italian hospital. On his recovery he was allowed to go free. He went to Brussels and was sent back to the front by Dr. Leyds, with plans for the seizure of Cape Town by the Boer commanders then mobilized in Cape Colony. Everything was ready for the taking of the city when, a traitor having revealed the plot, Duquesne and a number of others were captured in Cape Town inside the British defenses. This was the climax of what has come to be known as the "Cape Town Plot." Some of the prisoners were sentenced to death who later had their sentence changed to life imprisonment. Capt. Duquesne was among the latter. Ten months later he escaped from the Bermuda prisons, got aboard the American yacht Margaret of New York while she was coaling at the dock, and was conveyed to Baltimore. Back to Europe he went again, as war correspondent and military writer on the Petit Bleu; thence to Africa, where he took a commission on the Congo. In East Africa he hunted big game for sport and profit, and finally he came to New York to do newspaper and magazine work.



THE experience President Roosevelt has gained hunting game on the North American continent will be of little use to him on his expedition into the wilds of East Africa. Hunting in America is a sport, something to be played at; hunting in Africa is a trade, almost a profession. In America one merely takes a rifle and goes out to shoot. In Africa, to hunt a la mode, one takes a battery of arms, usually three and sometimes four, high power rifles of different caliber, ranging from a six and five-tenths millimeter to a 600 cordite express. The cartridges for these rifles are charged with various bullets, solid nickel, steel, soft nose long, soft nose short and split. Each of these bullets was designed by experts for a special use, and on the way they are used depends the success of one's shot. Often the use of the unsuitable bullet ends in the hunter's death. On small game the light caliber arm, six five-tenths millimeter, is used, and on large and dangerous game the nine millimeter Mauser and 600 caliber cordite express give the best results. The last-named rifle strikes the enormous blow of 8,700 pounds, and has a recoil of close on a hundred weight. That the man

whose hunting experiences have been put into the animal's head or heart, or he must face a charge that will probably end in his destruction.

Rifles of various caliber are carried for economy. It is cheaper to use a small six five-tenths millimeter rifle on small game, a nine millimeter on medium game, and a 600 express on big game, than to carry one weapon for all-round work, which would have to be big enough at least for the largest game. Nothing smaller than a 450 express would do for that, and it would be distinctly uneconomical, not to say foolish, to shoot a small antelope, the size of a goat, with a 600 express. It would be like using a pile driver to kill a mosquito. Again, cartridges become very costly by the time they reach the interior of Africa.

A cartridge for a 600 express rifle, for instance, costing sixpence (12 cents) in London, reaches an enormous price by the time it gets into the hunting grounds of Africa. I have seen them bring five shillings (\$1.25) each, and very scarce at that. Nor is this such an extravagant price when one takes into consideration that every ounce has to be carried by porters who plod for months through swamps, across rivers, over mountains, traversing the parched veld and penetrating the dismal forest, often fighting their way foot by foot before they reach their destination. It is easy to see that weight is an important factor in cartridge economics. Four six five-tenths millimeter cartridges are equal in weight to one 600 express. That is, it is four deaths against one, for the same weight.

These are the things President Roosevelt must learn before he can consider himself up on the ways of safari.\* If the president hunts like

are still thousands of herds of everything Africa possesses for the hunter, roaming over the veld only a few days' travel afoot from the coast. There are hundreds of rivers that have rarely been visited by the white man. On the banks of these streams hippopotami, rhinoceroses, elephants, leopards, lions, gorillas and dozens of varieties of antelope, the names of which have never been heard by the majority of Europeans or Americans, gambol and fatten in glutinous plenty undisturbed by the crack of the 600 caliber express. It is only in reachable districts that the game is killed to any great extent. The cost and danger of hunting in most of the country have protected it and will protect it for many years to come.

### Frightful Diseases of the Jungle.

Where game is most abundant the frightful diseases that nature seems to have placed as a barrier against the white man's invasion are also abundant. In Africa's wild, beautiful, mysterious forests, more to be feared than all the lions and rhinos, lurk the germs of the deadly blackwater fever, malaria, science-defying sleeping sickness and the unknown reason for the veld sores that drain one's life out in a few months. These, with the

\*East African term for an expedition of any kind, especially a hunting expedition. miasmal swamps, the noxious insects, the slimy, poisonous spears of the natives, make hunting in Africa no game for the chicken-hearted.

Of course, hunting as a business is one thing and hunting for pleasure is another. It is possible to kill African game to a limited extent without the slightest hardship. One can go on safari accompanied by natives who do all the work, even to carrying the sportsman in a hammock up to the

er. "The game that makes the story is the game that's missed," as the Swahili (east coast natives) say, and there is nothing truer than that saying, as far as my experiences go, for a bad shot nearly ended my trek a little while ago in the Lake country. I was trekking between Lake Albert Edward N'Yanza and Lake Kivu, the greatest stretch of hunting ground in the world, with a caravan of a hundred men. We had marched steadily through the early part of the day, and now that the merciless white-hot sun was directly overhead, I called a halt. Each member of the caravan threw himself down in the shade excepting my shikaree Nick, a "boy" from the other side of the continent, a native of Senegal. He never rested, and as he got a percentage of the ivory we secured, he never let the soles of his feet grow soft for want of exercise. About an hour passed before Nick came swinging into camp with his white teeth gleaming like new swords. I knew by his smile that there was something afoot. He walked straight to my elephant guns and beckoned me. I knew he had struck a fresh spoor (trail). Seizing my arms, I signaled my gun bearer and struck out, Nick leading.

If there are any elephants about at midday, the hunter is pretty sure to make a good bag, for at that time they rest out of the direct rays of the sun, dozing the hot hours away, and are easily approached.

### A Terrible Battle with Elephants.

After half an hour's walk through grass that was at least 20 feet high, we came across a herd of about twenty elephants, among which there were some fine bull tuskers. As I expected, they were all resting out of the sun. They were difficult to get at

snatched my Mauser and jumped aside as he passed. My hat and coat, which were a few yards behind, attracted his attention. With a snort of satisfaction he crushed them down. I gave him all my Mauser shots in the rear. With extraordinary suddenness he turned. He sighted me and charged, his tusks level with his body. My magazine was empty. I threw my rifle down and ran, the elephant gaining on me at each step. I saw Nick ahead of me with leveled rifle.

To keep running meant that I would soon be overtaken. Instinctively I threw myself on the ground and Nick fired. With a thud that made the earth tremble the elephant dropped. The huge trunk twisted like a wounded snake for a moment, and then the gigantic body relaxed in death. It all took about two minutes to happen and was a pretty close shave, but it was worth the trouble, for the tusks we got were big, weighing close to a hundred pounds.

### The Killing of Nick, Hunter Boy.

A few months after this occurrence, on the same trip, I lost Nick, my Senegal "boy," under terrible circumstances. This brave man who had hunted everything in Africa from the Cape to Cairo, and from Zanzibar to Banana, boasted many a time that he would never be killed by anything but old age. But he was too sure. Long association with danger had made him careless, and this cost him his life.

We were trekking south toward Lake Tanganyika along a native path running parallel with the Rusizi river. It was frightfully hot, so hot that the gun barrels burned our hands. The porters staggered under their heavy loads in a long string, mumbling songs, each in his native tongue, to keep up his fagged spirits, and the sun rays danced in misty vibrations from the parched earth. Suddenly the jungle ceased and we broke into the open veld. Four hundred yards away, coming in the opposite direction, was a herd of at least twenty elephants. They had evidently made a long journey and were suffering from the intense heat. Some of them were occupied in thrusting their trunks into their mouths and drawing water from their stomachs. With this water they were sprinkling their sunburned backs. This is a habit that elephants always practice when they are overheated and cannot find the shade of a friendly forest.

To me the sight of the approaching herd was welcome. I saw ivory which meant thousands of dollars to us if we could get in a few good shots. I ordered my caravan back into the undergrowth, and, bringing up the shikarees, prepared for the slaughter. I loaded my nine millimeter Mauser with solid bullets for long shots. At 300 yards I opened fire and the leader, a fine bull, dropped in his tracks. The crack of my rifle threw the herd into consternation. They were not sure where the noise came from, and they as yet had not caught sight of us. After a little indecision they kept on the old route and marched toward us.

A hundred yards nearer and I gave the nearest, another bull, my second shot. It went wild. He shrieked and threw his trembling head back and forth frantic with pain. I had evidently given him a bad face wound. I fired again and must have missed. He saw me, and, trumpeting loudly, charged down on us, followed by the whole herd. I emptied my magazine into them with no effect. Nearer they came, their ivory gleaming in the sun and the dust curling up in clouds behind them. The ground vibrated like a beaten drum top under their thunderous charge.

I saw a tusk-crested wave of mammoths sweeping down to destroy us. It was no time for inaction. The gun bearer handed me the 600 caliber express. At a hundred yards I gave the leader one barrel after the other. He fell, and those behind tumbled over him in a heap. For a moment the mad charge was broken. I thought we were out of danger, but another leader forged ahead and bore down on us. "Run!" I shrieked, and every man made for safety, excepting Nick, the coolest in the face of danger and always the last to run. I threw myself behind a tree, just escaping being crushed to death. A screech rose above the thunder of the hoofs and the next instant I saw Nick hoisted into the air with a blood-stained tusk through his body. The infuriated mass swept past, leaving a red marked trail. I immediately set out on the spoor of the herd in hope of getting the body of the shikaree. Although I searched till sundown I was unsuccessful.

That night I heard the lions roaring down toward the river. The next morning, with a few natives, I continued the search, in the direction that the lions' roars came from during the night. We soon sighted a flock of vultures, a sure sign of dead game, and, coming up with them, we found the chewed carcass of an elephant and the scattered bones of a human being, among which I found Nick's hunting knife and belt. The wounded elephant had carried him on his tusk till it fell exhausted through loss of blood, and died. It was one of the best ivory hauls I ever made at one shooting and it was the saddest. Nick was a great shikaree. He possessed every attribute of manhood. He died like many a hunter has died. Nick was the twentieth native that I have lost on my various expeditions. It was in the same country that on a previous expedition a rhinoceros invaded our camp and killed two native porters, wounding three and giving me a close call.

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## CHOOSES PRISON TO SAVE SISTER

YOUNG TEXAN REFUSES TO BE SAVED AND DEMANDS PENITENTIARY SENTENCE.

### KILLS RICH, CRUEL FATHER

From Judge to Jury, All Try to Set Slayer Free, But He Pleads Guilty to Prevent Humiliation of Girl.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Stephen Beasley began the serving of a five years' sentence in the Texas state prison the other day for the slaying of his father. He need not have gone to prison, for every man, from judge to jury, who sat in judgment on him tried to set him free. But he chose the prison to save his sister the disgrace of telling why he slew his father.

The slaying was done in the older Beasley's cotton field a short time ago. It ended 20 years of such parental cruelty as has been seldom known in a civilized land.

Beasley, the father, was immensely wealthy. His cotton and yam fields extended for miles along the outskirts of Fort Worth.

But he never hired a man to till them. He forced his wife and five children to be his farmhands, and since they could first hold a hoe not one has remembered a day when he or she was not fayed to work by the blacksnake whip or the whiffletree. Three of these children were girls and on these Beasley vented his tyranny even more than on the boys.

Neighbors had known for years that none of them came home from the fields at night without a whipping at the hands of their brutal father, and screams issuing from the house in the night told plainly the story of a wife and mother beaten with the rawhide because she had been caught doctoring the wounds of her offspring after the father had sent them bleeding to bed.

The climax was approached recently when Beasley's wife was forced to flee for shelter to a neighbor, and when the young son, Stephen, ran away from the torture to take work with another farmer near-by. The next day



Deliberately Shot the Father Dead.

one of the daughters, and yet 15 years old, escaped from the father's watch upon her and, staggering to the farmhouse where her mother was living, told a frightful tale of cruelty at her father's hand.

The mother got news of this to Stephen, her son, and the next day the lad took down his rifle and walked to his father's farm, where he hid behind a wall.

When Beasley appeared, riding a horse, his son raised his gun and deliberately shot the father dead. That same afternoon he gave himself up, declaring himself guilty of slaying his father.

A grand jury was impaneled and Stephen was indicted and brought to trial. There was not the slightest doubt of Stephen's acquittal. The crowd in the court room was there simply to cheer him and proclaim him a hero when he was set free.

But at the last moment Stephen heard that his sister would be forced to take the stand, and to save her humiliation he broke from the officers as he was brought into court, thrust aside his lawyer and shouted:

"I killed my father. I plead guilty to manslaughter, and I want to be sentenced to prison without a trial."

The judge, astonished, advised the prisoner to recall his plea.

"You are throwing away a chance of freedom," he said. "All of us know the story of this case. I think you would not be convicted if you put in a plea of not guilty."

"I plead guilty," persisted the boy. "I don't want to go to trial, and I demand a sentence."

Forced to accept the plea, the judge sent out the jury with an order to bring in a verdict of guilty. When the jurors came in their eyes were streaming.

"I sentence you to five years' in state's prison," pronounced the judge, "but I will be the first to sign a petition for your immediate pardon."

Hundreds of Fort Worth's best citizens cheered the lad as he started for the prison. It is believed he will be set free within a short time.



WITH A ROAR HE CHARGED DOWN ON ME LIKE AN AVALANCHE.

an Africander and not like the average European that visits the dark continent, he will certainly find danger; danger that tries a hunter's confined to bird shooting with shot-guns, or small game, with, say, a 32-caliber rifle, may understand the meaning of these figures, let me state that the ordinary 32-caliber rifle has a recoil of perhaps ten to twelve pounds. The double-barreled shotgun, which to the ordinary hunter seems to have all the "kicking" capacity any weapon needs, has a recoil of from 25 to 30 pounds.

The 600 caliber cordite express is the most deadly hand arm made. Notwithstanding the terrific force of this 600 express bullet it must be placed in the correct part of an elephant's or a rhinoceros' anatomy to nerve, that requires an alert intelligence and a quick eye to pass through it and live.

Mr. Cunningham, who is organizing the Roosevelt expedition, is one of the most experienced and clever of African hunters. He will have complete charge of everything from the largest to the smallest detail. With him at the head of things the president can depend on having a successful hunt. That is, if he is going for sport and not merely as a scribe looking for local atmosphere for his book. Many great African hunters have killed all their game in the narrow and dark confines of an ink bottle.

Africa is a menagerie 11,500,000 miles in area, with the greatest combination of lakes, rivers, mountains and veld imaginable, a veritable paradise for wild animals. Notwithstanding the destruction of big game, there

game, selecting the correct rifle, loading with the proper ammunition, pointing out the place to shoot at and handing the hunter the weapon. The hunter merely pulls the trigger, after seeing that there are a number of shikarees (native hunters) in readiness to protect him should he miss his mark and the game charge. As often as not he misses, a shikaree shoots the game, and his employer gets the credit. It is the dangerous side only of African hunting that has any attractions for the man with any sporting instincts in him, and it is only that side of the hunt that is of interest to the laity.

According to present intentions, Mr. Cunningham will take the Roosevelt party over the route I have covered twice, the last time very recently. What I have passed through Roosevelt must face. He will be lucky if he comes out alive.

Like most Boers, I have been hunting, on and off, and associating with hunters since I was ten years old. Danger and hairbreadth escapes have happened so frequently to me that most of my hunting experiences appear almost too commonplace to record. Yet some of them stand out vividly from the rest, especially those of recent occurrence. It would be impossible to hunt any length of time in Africa without having some adventures worth relating; adventures in which a steady eye, nerves of steel, and a brain as quick as lightning are life-saving essentials to a big game hunter.

Most game drops at the first shot from the rifle of an experienced hunt-

on account of the thickness of the undergrowth. It meant a long, patient crawl to a good shooting position, for to shoot at anything but close quarters in such country meant that the bullet would be deflected by the bush. I put a solid nickel ball in the right barrel of my 600 caliber express for a head shot, and a soft nose split in the left barrel for a body shot. With the shikaree at my side and the gun bearer at my back, we crept silently, inch by inch, foot by foot, through the huge tufts of grass till a good view of the game presented itself.

I took off my coat and hat, hung them on a low limb and crawled a few yards farther on. As I could not get a vital shot at any of the elephants in their lying position, I gave a sharp whistle. In an instant they were upon their feet thrusting their trunks up in the air to get a scent of their enemies and holding out their enormous ears to catch the slightest sound. At last an old bull worked into the right position. I aimed at his weakest point, between the eye and ear, and gave him the solid shot. My aim was bad; a piece of his tusk flew into the air. With a roar he charged down on me like an avalanche.

I leveled my express for a second shot and the natives stood ready. Down he came, the grass waving before him in billows. I waited 50, 40, 30, 20 yards, another second's suspense and—bang! I gave him the soft bullet full in the chest. It failed to stop him. A screeching roar of pain burst from the charging monster and blood gushed from his trunk. I